



SECRETARY OF STATE STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The current outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was first reported on December 31, 2019 in Wuhan, China. The disease has lead to disruptions to everyday life including the imposition of quarantines around the world, which may limit registrants' access to facilities, personnel, and third party service providers. The Secretary of State ("Secretary") recognizes that, in these circumstances, COVID-19 poses potential challenges to registrants in meeting certain filing requirements under the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act of 1988 ("Act") and rules promulgated thereunder.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-17-1 *et seq.*, the Secretary may require that a registration statement be in whole or in part an electronic filing and may waive or extend the time period for the furnishing of any information required by the Act and may require such additional information as to the previous history, records, or association of the applicant, general partners, limited partners, directors, affiliates, or executive officers or members in the case of a limited liability company as he or she may deem necessary to establish whether or not the applicant should be registered as a charitable organization under this chapter. To ease the burden on registrants, the Secretary finds that the following Order is in the public interest.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-17-1 *et seq.* of the Act:

1. The following Relief Orders issued by the Secretary are extended through October 31, 2020 unless modified, vacated, or superseded:
 - a. Order Granting Relief From Filing Financial Statements dated March 17, 2020;
 - and

b. Order Implementing Filing Requirements In Response to COVID-19 dated
March 19, 2020.

This Order shall be effective as of this 27th day of August, 2020.

**BRAD RAFFENSPERGER
SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF GEORGIA**

BY: 

**Noura Zaharis
Director, Securities and Charities Division**